

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-36 are currently pending. No amendments have been made.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction between the following two groups:

Group I, claims 1-29 and 32-34, drawn to a process for amplifying a nucleic acid of a target cell or virus; and

Group II, claims 30-31 and 35-36, drawn to a kit comprising a magnetic microbead.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, **Group I (claims 1-29 and 32-34)** for continued examination.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

